Construction of Dam on Sutlej River

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SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese authorities have been building a barrage on the river in Tibet which would enable them to control the flow of water in the river Sutlej into India, in the future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Chinese authorities have been apprised of India's concern;

(d) if so, their response thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (e) Government have noted that the official spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reacting to the news report of June 30, 2006 of Hindustan Times, has stated that the Chinese side has constructed a small scale hydro power station on Langquinzangbu (Sutlej River) at Zhada County in Tibet Autonomous Region to satisfy the daily electricity needs of local population. They held that the Chinese government has always adhered to the basic principle of fair and reasonable development and utilization of trans-boundary Rivers and during this process of development and utilization, Chinese government fully considers the impact on lower reaches.

Prevention of sea erosion

1630. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether assistance is provided to States by Government for construction of sea walls to prevent erosion;

(b) if so, the assistance provided during the last three years till date, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any scientific method to prevent sea erosion by erecting walls; and

(d) if not, the other effective methods used to prevent sea erosion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 10.00 crore was provided to Government of Tamil Nadu during2003-2004 for prevention of sea erosion in the State. Assistance was also provided to six coastal States/UTs under the scheme "Critical anti-erosion works in coastal and other than Ganga basin States". State-wise assistance provided during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 under the scheme is as follows:

Sl. No	State/Ut	Releases made during the year (Rs. in crore)		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Karnataka	0.50	-	-
2	Kerala	0.50	-	-
3	Maharashtra	-	1.00	1.30
4	Orissa	0.50	-	1.00
5	Pondicherry	-	1.00	-
6	Tamil Nadu	-	1.00	1.32
	TOTAL	**1.50**	**3.00**	**3.62**

(c) Yes, Sir. Erection of sea walls is one of the scientific methods to prevent sea erosion.

(d) Does not arise.

Irrigation in Jharkhand

1631. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of irrigation in Jharkhand;